

Governor did not see fit to veto them. "He didn't have much of a reason other than it was Bum Bright's bill," Campbell said of Gov. White's veto. "All that it's done is delay a vitally needed highway."

NOTES: Gov. White vetoed another of the Denton County development bills, HB 2439 by Campbell (see pages 18 and 19). However the Governor did sign both HB 2391 by Campbell, which creates a Reclamation, Road, and Utility District in the area, and HB 2394 by Horn, which creates Denton County Levee Improvement District No. 1.

Communicating with state-agency adjudicators
(SB 189 by Blake)

DIGEST: This bill would have allowed anyone to communicate in writing with state-agency employees assigned to decide a contested case, without having to give all the parties to the case an opportunity to participate. Anyone making such a communication would have been required to provide copies of the communication, on request, to the other parties.

GOVERNOR'S
REASONS
FOR VETO:

The Governor said the bill could have violated due process and the right to confrontation because it would have permitted persons to make ex parte written communications with state-agency decision makers. "To permit enactment of this bill could seriously undermine the integrity and trustworthiness of these adjudicatory proceedings....,"he said.

SPONSOR'S
VIEW:

Sen. Blake had no comment on the veto.

NOTES: An ex parte communication is one between the adjudicator and a party to a case in which other parties to the case cannot participate.

Mental-health administrator for Harris County Probate Court No. 3
(SB 334 by Whitmire)

DIGEST: SB 334 would have allowed the judge of Harris County Probate Court No. 3 to hire a mental-health administrator to assist in the handling of mental-health cases. The judge would have set the administrator's salary at between 65 percent and 75